months (December, 1996 — May, 1997), as per data furnished by States, 2022.30 lakhs mandays of employment in the country as a whole, including 139.32 lakhs mandays in Karnataka, has been generated.

Non-Adherence of Fire Safety Norms

*5. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent major fire incident in Uphaar Cinema in Delhi resulting in death of about 60 persons, and other sporadic fire incidents in Delhi, are the result of non-adherence of the fire safety norms;

(b) if so, whether certificates granted to these establishments were issued after mandatory checks; and

(c) what are the reasons for these fire incidents and what preventive and precautionary measures have been taken to avoid recurrence of the same?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) The Uphaar Cinema incident can be attributed to non-observance of fire safety measures and failure to take immediate action for evacuation of persons entrapped in the Cinema Hall.

(b) 'No Objection Certificate' from fire safety angle in respect of Uphaar Cinema was issue by Delhi Fire Service Department after ensuring the functionalability of fire safety equipment.

(c) The fire at Uphaar Cinema started from the transformer located at ground level of the complex. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have got all the cinema halls and banquet halls inspected to ensure that shortcomings wherever noticed are removed.

District and State Level Telephone Advisory Committees in Gujarat

*6. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telephone Advisory Committees for all the District level and the State level in Gujarat Circle have been constituted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Members of Parliament from the State have been nominated on all the District/State level Commitees representing their own constituencies in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The Telephone Advisory Committees for Gujarat Telecom Circle and all the Telephone Districts therein have been constituted except for Bharuch and Sabarkantha Telephone Districts.

(c) to (e) As on date 28 MPs from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha have been nominated in various District/State level TACs in Gujarat Telecom Circle representing their constituencies as in Statement-I (*See* below) Eleven MPs both from Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha as in Statement-II (*See* below) who have not conveyed their willingness or option regarding their adopted constituencies, are yet to be nominated.

Statement-I

List of MPs Nominated in Various TACs in Gujarat Telecom Circle

Sl. No.	Name of MP	Constituency	Name of TAC
	MPs from LOK SABHA		
	S/Shri		
1.	P.S.Gadhvi	Kutch	Bhuj
2.	Sanat Mehta	S' Nagar	S' Nagar
3.	Shri C.V. Patel	Jamnagar	Jamnagar
4.	Dr. V. Katheria	Rajkot	Rajkot
5.	G. Javia	Porbander	Junagadh
6.	Smt. Bhavanaben Chikhalia	Junagadh	Junagadh
7.	Dileep Sanghani	Amreli	Gujarat (Circle)
8.	Rajendra Sinh	Bhavnagar	Bhavnagar
9.	Harin Pathak	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad
10.	Vijay Patel	Gandhi Nagar & Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad
11.	Ratilal Verma	Dhanduka	Ahmedabad
12.	DR. A.K. Patel	Mehsana	Mehsana
13.	M.K. Kanodia	Patna	Mehsana
14.	B.K. Godhvi	Banaskantha	Palanpur
15.	Somjibhai Damor	Dahod	Godhra
16.	Shantibhai Patel	Godhra	Godhra
17.	Dinesha Patel	Kheda	Nadiad
18.	Satya Sinh Gayekwad	Vadodara	Vadodara
19.	Kashiram Rana	Surat	Surat
20.	C.D. Gamit	Mandvi	Surat
21.	Manibhai Chaudhri	Valsad	Valsad
22.	Mohanbhai S. Delkar	Silvasa & DNH	Silvasa & Dadra Nagar Haveli
23.	Gopalbhai Tandel	Daman	Daman & Diu
	MPs from RAJYA SABHA		
24.	Ahmed Patel		Gujarat (Circle)
25.	Smt. Urmilaben Patel		Mehsana
26.	Rajubhai Parmar		Ahmedabad
27.	Laxman Bangaroo		Ahmedabad
28.	G.G. Solanki		Godhra

Statement-II

List of MPs yet to be Nominated in TACs in Gujarat Telecom Circle

Sl. No.	Name of M.P.	Constituency	Name of TAC
	MPs from LOK SABHA	Sabarkantha	
	S/Shri	Kapdyanj	
1.	Smt. A. Nisa Choudhary	Anand	
2.	Jai Singh M. Chauhan	Broach	
3.	Ishvarbhai Chavda	Chhota Udaipur	
4.	Chandubhai Deshmukh		
5.	N.J. Rathawa		
	MPs. from RAJYA SABHA		
6.	Yogender K. Alagh		
7.	Brahma Kumar Bhatt		
8.	Aantray Devshanker Dave		
9.	Smt. Anandiben Jethabhai Patel		
10.	Chimanbhai Haribhai Shukla		
11.	Madhav Sinh Solanki		

Revival of NTC Mills in Tirupati

*7. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Deccan Chronicle dated the 19th May, 1997 regarding "NTC mills in Tirupati gathering dust";

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken to revive NTC Mills in Tirupati?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Tirupati Cotton Mills, Renigunta, a unit of NTC (APKK&M) Ltd. Bangalore has not been functioning from December, 1996 due to shortage of working capital.

NTC (APKK&M) including Tirupati Cotton Mills was referred to and declared sick by the BIFR. On the basis of the report prepared by the Operating Agency, the BIFR published draft rehabilitation scheme, asking for certain reliefs and concessions from the Government. The last hearing of BIFR which was scheduled to be held in April, 1997 was postponed. Pending approval of the revival scheme by the BIFR, Government has been releasing funds to NTC for payment of wages and salaries to the employees of the mills. A mill-wise viability study has also been undertaken by the NTC, which is under the consideration of the Government.

Local call facility on MTNL Mumbai to MOHOWE

*8. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: